

## JEFFERSON COUNTY PARKS COMMITTEE MINUTES

Jefferson County Courthouse

320 S Main Street, Rm 202

Jefferson WI 53538

December 3, 2012, 2012 @ 1:00 p.m.

Committee: Glen Borland, Mike Kelly, Rick Kuhlman, Steve Nass, Augie Tietz

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Borland at 1:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Committee members present included: Borland, Kelly, Kuhlman, Nass. Others present: Joe Nehmer, Gary Petre, John Molinaro, Jane Stanger, Kim Buchholz, Phil Ristow, DNR Warden Ryan Ellifson, Richard MacWilliams, David Habeck. Absent: Tietz

3. Certification of Compliance with the Open Meetings Law – In compliance

4. Review of the Agenda – Approved

5. Public Comment - None

6. Approval of the October 22, 2012 and November 5, 2012 Meeting Minutes

**Motion made by Nass, seconded by Kuhlman, to approve the October 22, 2012 meeting minutes. Motion carried 4-0. Motion made by Nass, seconded by Kelly to approve the November 5, 2012 minutes. Kuhlman abstained. Motion carried 3-0.**

7. Communications

- a. Business Leaders Discuss State of Community – Watertown Daily Times
- b. Guided Walk Series: Rome Pond – Friends of Glacial Heritage Area
- c. Donation to Dorothy Carnes Park
- d. Awards of Recognition
- e. Garman Nature Preserve Rededication – Waterloo Courier
- f. 2013 Dog Park Calendar Fund Raiser

8. Discussion and possible decision on Wisconsin DOT's surplus land of 21.8 acres at the intersection USH 18 and STH 26

Nehmer discussed the response to Representative Jorgensen's letter of inquiry and support from the DOT Secretary regarding the Parks Department to acquire the land at the intersection of 26 and 18. As stated in the letter the DOT is now selling the property. The Committee agreed not to try and purchase the property.

9. Discussion and possible decision on Bow Hunting Lottery for 2013

The committee discussed the potential for bow hunting at Dorothy Carnes Park. It was suggested the Carnes Park North Edition (Kemmeter Property) be open for youth bow hunting under the lottery system. Parks Department will study the options of a Bow Hunting Lottery and bring back to the committee at a later date.

10. Discussion and possible decision on gun hunting issues in Carnes Park

Ristow presented a draft ordinance to amend the hunting, trapping and firearms section of the Parks Ordinance. Ristow stated that there is a need to upgrade our parks ordinance language regarding the possession of guns; so, he drafted proposed changes that are a little more specific and explains the issues of the concealed carry permits. A final draft will be presented at the January Parks Committee Meeting and taken to the County Board in February. The committee discussed Mr. McWilliams "Talking Points" and DNR Warden Ellifson discussed what enforcement agency handles which issues. A meeting will be set up with the enforcement agencies to go over these issues before the next hunting season begins.

11. Discussion and possible decision on Emergency Management's request to host SIMCOM event at one of our county parks

Buchholz, Program Assistant for the Emergency Management, requested permission from the Parks Committee for the Emergency Management to use a portion of the parking lot at the Jefferson County Dog Park to park one of their command centers for the upcoming SIMCOM Exercise. The committee agreed to lend a portion of the Dog Park Parking Lot.

12. Update on Watertown-Waterloo Bike Trail Planning

Nehmer announced we have received a final draft plan. We have routes coming out the west side of Watertown and the east side of Waterloo on county and town roads. The final route will be largely similar to the current county bike trail with some tweaks. The next step is getting County support. The final route will be presented to the committee for final approval. A dollar figure for the construction of the trail will be developed. Transportation and Natural Resource Grants will be looked into to make the trail a reality.

13. Update on GHA

No update at this time.

14. Set Tentative Meeting Dates/Times for: January 7, 2013 at 1:00 pm

15. Adjourn

**Motion to adjourn at 2:20 p.m. made by Kuhlman, seconded by Nass. Motion carried 4-0.**